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DCI Terrorism Analyst Network

Mission: Provide for rapid exchange of information among terrorism intelligence analysts in order to:

- ensure that information regarding a terrorist threat is distributed quickly to all elements of the Intelligence Community,
- allow each agency to contribute rapidly whatever information it holds that may bear on that threat,
- achieve a more timely, well-informed analytic judgment concerning that threat, and
- coordinate follow-on analyses and actions.

Net Members: CIA, DIA, NSA, State, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, JSOC, FBI, and Secret Service.

Management: The NIO for Counterterrorism will coordinate the management of the net. CIA will act as his executive agent for this purpose. NSA, which has loaned the equipment and installed the net, will serve as technical manager.

Mode of Operation: Analysts will be able to exchange text via computer terminals while simultaneously discussing that text on accompanying secure voice circuits. The system will accommodate conference calls or individual-to-individual exchanges. An electronic mail feature is also included. Communications will be informal and non-record. The system will operate at the TOP SECRET/SI/TK level.

Hours of Operation: NSA and the Navy will have counterterrorism specialists on duty 24-hours a day to man the net. Within 60 days, DIA will do likewise. Other members will have their respective alert centers monitor the net after hours and call in a specialist when required.

Initial Operation: Installation of the net and training of analysts on its use is now underway. It will become operational 6 February in five member agencies: CIA with terminals in the DO, DI, and Ops Center; NSA with terminals in NSOC and G-1; DIA with a terminal in the NMIC; State with a terminal in INR; and Navy with a terminal in its Anti-terrorist Alert Center in Suitland. Other members will become operational incrementally. The entire net should be complete in six months.

NOTE: This has been coordinated with the NIO for Counterterrorism and Mr. NSA.

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